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2. SUMMARY: LATE ON AUGUST 7, CHINESE MFA ASSISTANT  
MINISTER QIN HUASUN LODGED ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT  
A "STRONG PROTEST" REGARDING U.S. ACTIONS IN THE "YIN  
HE" CASE, REITERATING THAT CHINA EXPECTS THE U.S. TO  
FIND A PORT OF CALL ON THE SHIP'S ORIGINAL ITINERARY  
WHICH WILL ACCEPT THE "YIN HE." AFTER BOTH SIDES  
REVIEWED THE RECORD FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS,

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END SUMMARY.

3. POLMINCOUNS CONVEYED KEY POINTS TO CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT (SEPTTEL). SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE CHINESE REQUESTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR MEET AT 2 P.M. WITH ASSISTANT MINISTER QIN HUASUN. AT THE MEETING, QIN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DISARMAMENT DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF ZHANG WEIDONG, NORTH AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF CHEN MINGMING, AN INTERPRETER, AND ANOTHER MFA OFFICER. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLMINCOUNS (NOTETAKER) AND THE EMBASSY INTERPRETER.

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4. AFTER THANKING THE AMBASSADOR FOR AGREEING TO THE MEETING ON ONE HOUR NOTICE, QIN RECOUNTED SOME OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE "YIN HE" CASE.

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AMBASSADOR'S REPLY TO QIN'S PROTEST

8. NOTING THAT THE U.S. AND CHINA ARE ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION, AND BOTH COUNTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO CONTROL THE TRADE IN CERTAIN TYPES OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS, THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE U.S. HAD ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHINA'S SIGNING OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, THE U.S. RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUGGESTED CHEMICALS LISTED ON AN ANNEX TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION WERE ON BOARD A CHINESE SHIP AND WERE BOUND FOR THE IRANIAN PORT OF BANDAR-E-ABBAS. WE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT THIS INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE CHEMICALS FROM BEING DELIVERED.

9. CHINA, IN FACT, INVESTIGATED THE MATTER AND, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT, WAS UNABLE

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TO ESTABLISH THAT DANGEROUS CHEMICALS WERE ON BOARD  
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THE SHIP. NEVERTHELESS, CHINA AGREED TO A JOINT  
INVESTIGATION WHEN THE SHIP ARRIVED IN DUBAI. THE  
U.S. WELCOMED THIS ACTION BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.  
IN THE MEANTIME, THE U.S. HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE  
STATES WHERE THE SHIP WAS DUE TO ARRIVE. THE U.S.  
INTENTION WAS NOT TO PREVENT THE SHIP FROM ARRIVING AT  
THESE PORTS. MOREOVER, THE U.S. ALWAYS ACTED ON THE  
ASSUMPTION THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WAS COOPERATING  
AND THAT, IF ILLEGAL CHEMICALS WERE BEING SHIPPED, IT  
WAS NOT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

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10. SOME OF THE STATES (WE INFORMED), THE UAE IN  
PARTICULAR, DID NOT WANT A SHIP CARRYING DANGEROUS  
CHEMICALS TO STOP AT THEIR PORT. THE U.S. DID NOT  
ANTICIPATE THIS (RE)ACTION; WE DID NOT REQUEST IT; AND  
THE U.S. HAS BEEN ACTING VIGOROUSLY IN RECENT DAYS TO  
GAIN ACCESS FOR THE SHIP TO THE ORIGINAL DESIGNATED  
PORTS OF CALL. WE ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE THESE  
EFFORTS. GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE U.S. HAS ACTED  
RESPONSIBLY THROUGHOUT, IN A WAY THAT ANY RESPONSIBL  
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GOVERNMENT WOULD ACT IF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS WERE BEING  
SHIPPED. IF AN INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED, IN FACT,  
THAT U.S. ALLEGATIONS WERE FALSE, THE U.S. WOULD  
REGARD THIS (OUTCOME) SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER, SHOULD  
INVESTIGATION OF THE CARGO PROVE THAT U.S. INFORMATION  
IS ACCURATE, THIS WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE  
CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, AT THIS POINT IN TIME,  
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE  
CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE CARGO.

11. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE POLMINCOUNS HAD  
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JUST BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (SEPTTEL)  
REGARDING CONTACTS WE ARE MAKING WITH SEVERAL STATES  
IN THE REGION. THESE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL  
NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE SHIP, INCLUDING  
ITS PASSAGE TO SCHEDULED PORTS OF CALL. WE RECOGNIZE  
HAT THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLICATIONS OWING TO OUR  
EFFORTS TO PREVENT DANGEROUS CHEMICALS FROM BEING  
SHIPPED TO IRAN, BUT THIS WAS NOT A REASON FOR THE  
U.S. TO HAVE REFRAINED FROM EFFORTS (TO STOP SHIPMENT  
OF SUCH CHEMICALS TO IRAN).

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12. THE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED THAT, AFTER THIS AFFAIR IS RESOLVED, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE U.S. AND CHINA TO INVESTIGATE THIS INCIDENT TO SEE WHAT USEFUL LESSONS WE MAY DRAW FOR THE FUTURE, SO THAT WE CAN IMPROVE OUR COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. IN THE MEANTIME, HE PROMISED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON THE REPRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT MINISTER QIN.

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13. IN REPLY, QIN FURTHER REITERATED SEVERAL OF THE POINTS THAT HE HAD MADE EARLIER, ADDING A CATEGORICAL ASSERTION THAT THERE ARE NO CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS ON BOARD THE "YIN HE." IN CLOSING, HE REITERATED THAT HE WAS MAKING A "STRONG PROTEST" OVER U.S. ACTIONS AND

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THAT CHINA EXPECTED THE U.S. TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE BY  
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CLOSING  
THE MEETING, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IT MIGHT NOT  
SURPRISE CHINA TO LEARN THAT SOME LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
HAVE MADE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS TO CHINA AND THE  
U.S. ROY

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